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I. Improved Donor Coordination

Donor Consultative Group

The quarterly meeting of the DCG is scheduled to be held October 4, 2002, hosted by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development at its Washington, DC office.

ResponDanet

The number of visitors to ResponDanet continues to grow. The totals for the current quarter are the highest recorded to date—approaching 1 million—even though there were problems with the ISP logging system as explained in the note at the bottom of the table. Had these logging problems not occurred, it is likely that the total hits for the quarter would have exceeded one million. The cumulative number of hits since April 1998, when ResponDanet was inaugurated, through September 2002 is 6,616,101.

Main Website and Sub Sites	Hits Previous 4 Quarters					Current Quarter Jul-Sep FY 2002**
	4 th Quarter Jul-Sept FY 2001	1 st Quarter Oct-Dec FY 2002	2 nd Quarter Jan-Mar FY 2002	3 rd Quarter Apr-Jun FY 2002*	Total Four Previous Quarters	
PSI Net (Homepage)	737,543	716,658	896,451	774,580	3,125,232	935,762
AAA Flash-Sp.	23,693	22,110	31,707	25,721	103,231	21,576
AAA Flash-Eng	17,909	25,528	31,118	38,332	112,887	20,165
ACSF	7,227	5,764	6,002	6,790	25,783	7,155
ACWB	796	1,590	1020	845	4,251	570
Visitor Survey	5,131	2,026	4,036	4,054	15,247	2,422
TOTAL	792,420	773,691	970,334	850,322	3,386,767	987,650
Avg. Hits/Month	264,140	257,897	323,445	283,441	282,231	329,217
* Totals for the quarter do not include hits from May 1-22, 2002 when the ISP logging system was inoperative.						
** The figure for PSI NET does not include data from July 1 to 15 because of problems with the logging service at the ISP. Also in July 2002 the ISP logging service recorded hits for only PSI NET.						

II. Improved Government Policies and Practices to Reduce Corruption

AAA was given the approval it had been seeking to develop four Technical Assistance Modules (TAM).

- 1) The first relates to effectively engaging civil society organizations in an organized and coordinated program designed to monitor the compliance of LAC governments with the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption (IACC). This activity initially will take place in the Dominican Republic with technical assistance being provided to increase awareness among government officials and the general public about the DR Government's (GDR) responsibilities relative to implementation of the IACC. AAA

will develop civil society capacity to effectively and consistently monitor GDR compliance with specific requirements elaborated in the IACC and will establish mechanisms for interactive cooperation between civil society and the GDR relating to IACC implementation obligations. The processes implemented, monitoring instruments developed and results achieved in this effort will be incorporated in a Technical Assistance Module to be developed by AAA and distributed throughout the region. AAA intends to replicate this process in one other country.

- 2) The second TAM is to focus on the use of Control Self Assessments (CSA) to guide government units in developing and strengthening internal controls thereby increasing accountability and transparency in operations, which ultimately reduces opportunities and occasions for corrupt activities. The model for its application will be the city of San Salvador where CSAs were conducted in the past and government officials were to be implementing recommendations evolving from those assessments. The follow-up activity will be carried out in November 2002. The TAM also may include experiences from Mexico and Colombia related to internal control reforms.
- 3) Providing technical assistance for the development of a Latin American Framework on Internal Controls—this activity, to be carried out in conjunction with the Latin American Federation of Internal Auditors (FLAI) and the Interamerican Accounting Association (IAA), is a logical extension of the work historically done by AAA in the areas of IFMS and audit reform. A completed framework would be very useful tool to donors funding accountability programs in the region as well as to USAID Missions with programs on government modernization. The USAID Missions in El Salvador, Bolivia and Colombia have all expressed interest in internal control reforms. A concept paper on the framework is to be presented at the annual FLAI meeting in Managua, Nicaragua, October 23-25, 2002 where technical approval for the approach will be requested.
- 4) The fourth TAM, Local Government Citizen Participation in Budgeting, Planning and Social Auditing will consolidate the experiences of CSOs that have been engaged in municipal strategic planning and budgeting and oversight of local government programs in three countries: Honduras, Colombia and the Dominican Republic. The TAM will identify successful practices for fully engaging citizens in these activities. Once developed and disseminated the AAA project will replicate the model in at least one country. A Rapid Assessment of municipalities carrying out activities using citizen oversight activities was completed for the Dominican Republic. A workshop is being planned for mid November in Santiago and will include five participants from Honduras and an expert in strategic planning from Medellin, Colombia.

During the quarter, AAA was given authorization to directly contact USAID missions in the region in order to offer them support in modifying existing activities and planning new initiatives to achieve anti-corruption results. Missions have been very receptive. At the end of the quarter, several missions had responded positively to this offer of support, including missions in: Haiti, Peru, Ecuador, and El Salvador. Ecuador is particularly interested in Casals conducting an anti-corruption assessment and strategy that would contain program recommendations for mission funding. Haiti is interested in getting a local TI chapter started

and strengthened. Peru is considering a strategy to program anti-corruption activities into their democracy portfolio and how to transition from the OTI funded a/c program.

III. Program Development and Administration

During the quarter, AAA Project Technical Director Pablo Fonte, who resigned to take a position with the IDB, was replaced on an interim basis by Norma Parker. Steven Hendrix replaced Roberto Figueredo as Project Officer and CTO. USAID approved the revised Scope of Work, the Work Plan and Third-Year Work Plan. USAID review of a revised project budget was in process as the quarter ended. Also, CTO Hendrix approved the hiring of personnel to fill selected project staff vacancies. Moreover, Mr. Hendrix confirmed the approval by the previous CTO of the development of four Technical Assistance Modules as described above. All four are now in full implementation. Planning for a November conference sponsored by the World Bank Institute and the International Consortium of Government Financial Managers (ICGFM) with support from Casals and Associates is well underway.